

William and John Winterton. The second irrigation company was the Spring Creek Canal Co., which was actually built to bring water to Heber, but was also extended on to Charleston. This system was enlarged in 1895 and became a major water distribution system to Charleston. The third irrigation company organized was the Charleston Lower Canal system which was begun in the year 1887 by Joseph R. Murdock and completed for use in June, 1888. These three systems still supply irrigation waters to Charleston today.

Early in Charleston's history a store was built by Nymphas C. Murdock. The first meat market was opened in 1880 by George Smith. He also bought and sold produce, hay, grain, butter and eggs. For many years Mr. Smith drove a wagon to Park City and often to Salt Lake City to peddle his merchandise.

George T. Baker, who had come to Charleston from American Fork in Utah County opened the first blacksmith shop in 1884 and successfully operated it for many years.

The first cooperative store in Wasatch County was built in Charleston by Joseph R. Murdock, and grew to have the largest volume of business of any store in the valley.



The Charleston Co-Operative Store, established by Joseph R. Murdock. This was the first co-op store in the valley and grew to have the largest business volume of any store in the county at that time.

In 1894 George Daybell built a small creamery on his farm and operated it there until business became too active to carry on in the buildings there. Mr. Daybell persuaded Joseph R. Murdock to buy shares in the business and the two men built a large structure and began operating the Charleston Co-Operative Creamery. The business grew rapidly until

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